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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I understand that one gentleman was posted to that place, but he did not join duty and then the matter was reported to the Government by the Commissioner of Labour in September 1947. Steps are being taken to post somebody to that place."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, is not the period from September to December sufficiently long to keep a post vacant?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The question of selecting a person for this post by the Madras Public Service Commission is being considered."

Post-war education schemes.

* 177 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the Post-war education schemes formulated by the Post-War Reconstruction Committee and approved by the Government are;

(*b*) what the amount allocated to each of the schemes is;

(*c*) whether the programme laid down for post-war development of education has been altered, and if so, in what way;

(*d*) whether provision of midday meals for school children and the improvement of the status and emoluments of the teachers occupied high priorities; and

(*e*) what the present list of priorities is?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Details of the scheme approved by Government are given below :—

Number of the scheme in the pamphlet.	*Name of scheme.*	*Cost for five years period.* *Recurring.*	*Cost for five years period.* *Non-recurring.*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		RS. LAKHS.	RS. LAKHS.
34	Training of teachers	60	...
35	Technical education	18	50
36	Training of physical instructors ..	5·65	..
87	Revision of salaries of teachers ..	894·35	..
88	Compulsory elementary education	660	40
89	Supply of midday meals	1,250	29
90	Medical inspection of schools ..	60	...
		2,948	119

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The five-year plan was generally approved by the previous Government but the present Ministry has been making a general review of the whole position.

"(c) Pending the review mentioned above, the lines of the plan have generally been followed, but alterations have had to be made as to the commitment on each scheme either with reference to the position of Provincial finances or with reference to limitations imposed by the actual circumstances relating to factors relevant to the various schemes. The present position in regard to each scheme is briefly indicated below :—

Scheme No. 34—*Training of teachers.*—Subsequent to the framing of the plan the Government have sanctioned a scheme of stipends to students admitted for training which was not originally contemplated. The cost of the scheme for the five-year period has been tentatively fixed at Rs. 180 lakhs.

Scheme No. 35—*Technical education.*—The question of the revision of the cost of the scheme is under consideration.

Scheme No. 36—*Training of physical training instructors.*—The cost of the scheme will be determined after the proposals to be made by the Director of Public Instruction are examined.

Scheme No. 87—*Revision of salaries of teachers.*—The revision of scales of pay sanctioned by Government entail additional expenditure as indicated below :—

Schools.	*Local bodies.*		*Private management.*	
	Cost of revision.	*Government liability.*	*Cost of revision.*	*Government liability.*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	LAKHS. RS.	LAKHS. RS.	LAKHS. RS.	LAKHS. RS.
Elementary schools ..	86	Nil	82	82
Secondary schools ..	22	15	47	29
Total ..	108	15	129	111

In the case of teachers in Government service the extra cost of revision is Rs. 8 lakhs.

Scheme No. 88—*Compulsory elementary education.*—The scheme of compulsory elementary education could not be introduced on the scale originally laid down in the plan. Under the scheme already introduced, about 5 lakhs of children would be brought to schools at the end of 1947–48. A provision of about 54 lakhs has been made in the current years' budget for the scheme. Further extension of the scheme in future years depends on the funds to be provided by Government for the purpose.

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Scheme No. 89—*Supply of midday meals.*—The scheme has been dropped on financial considerations from 1st April 1947.

Scheme No. 90—*Medical inspection of schools.*—The Director of Public Instruction has been asked to submit revised proposals for implementing the scheme. The original estimate may require revision with reference to revised proposals.

" (*d*) & (*e*) The priorities in the five-year plan were first settled as follows :—

(1) that the schemes relating to the outpost of teachers and the enhancement of their pay should take the first place;

(2) that the schemes relating to the compulsory education (including provision of midday meals) and the schemes relating to technical education should be dealt with, together, as next in importance;

(3) that schemes relating to the medical inspection should stand next;

(4) that schemes relating to Physical Education should follow after that in importance; and

(5) that at all stages the interest of the returning soldier should be a point for primary consideration.

These priorities have not been altered, except for the modifications in the schemes referred to in the answer to clause (*c*)."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" According to the present rate of progress, may I know how long will it take for bringing compulsory primary education into force throughout the Province? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" According to the present programme it will take about 10 to 15 years."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the scheme already recommended by the Post-war Reconstruction Committee and accepted by this Government was altered in any particular and whether the Government will give an opportunity to the public to express their views or any body of persons to express their views in order either to change the priority or emphasising one aspect of education in preference to another? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" The schemes are always published from time to time and this House has always an opportunity of discussing this question."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether it would not be helpful to this House or to the other House if all those changes which are made are compiled and circulated to members, because we find that every day Press Communiqués are issued and we get confused over the number of changes that are taking place in the system of education? "

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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— "I am afraid there will have to be changes in details as and when they are needed and they cannot be compiled because they are too many and it is always open to hon. Members to bring up for discussion any matter in which they are interested."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" In the answer to clause (*d*) and (*e*) reference is made to the 'returning soldier.' May I know why is the reference to the 'returning soldier'?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— "The point is that when they made the original scheme they provided for war-returned men, so that in any future scheme of development their interests also should be attended to."

Woman Probation Officer.

* 178 *Q.*—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there is only one Woman Probation Officer for the City of Madras both for juvenile and adult probation;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that the area covered is very large and that consequently probation work which is so essential as a reformatory measure cannot achieve the success it should, due to only one woman officer having been appointed; and

(*c*) whether the Government have considered the appointments of other women officers and, if so, when the new women officers will be appointed?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) The Government have sanctioned the post of a temporary additional Woman District Probation Officer for the City. The additional officer will be appointed shortly."

Cultivation of the reclaimed area under the Cauvery-Mettur Project.

* 179 *Q.*—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the whole extent of 77,048 acres, which have been reclaimed for cultivation in the Cauvery-Mettur Project area, as mentioned by the Honourable Minister for Public Works in his speech in the Legislative Assembly on the 26th September 1947, have been cultivated in the fasli 1356;

(*b*) if not how many acres have been cultivated;

(*c*) for how many acres, water charges have been levied, and how much was realized in 1356 fasli;